

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 633

By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to honor the life and memory of Joe Inman Majors.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and former colleague Joe Inman Majors; and

WHEREAS, Joe Majors was a dedicated and conscientious public servant who represented the good people of Coffee County with the utmost acumen and probity as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives from 1969 until 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Majors was also a well-respected and popular lobbyist and was a fixture on Capitol Hill for thirty-five years, where he earned the admiration of his clients and fellow citizens alike for the exemplary quality of his work and for his personal integrity; and

WHEREAS, born in Lynchburg, Tennessee, on December 25, 1936, Joe Majors attended Lynchburg's public schools, the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and Florida State University in Tallahassee, from which he received his Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, a member of the prominent Majors football-playing family, Joe Majors was an excellent tailback for Huntland High School; during his four years at Huntland, the Hornets compiled a remarkable record of 40-1-1; and

WHEREAS, Joe Majors was an outstanding quarterback and safety at Florida State University, and he earned honorable mention All-American honors during his senior year in 1959; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, he joined the Houston Oilers in the charter season of the American Football League and played one season as a quarterback and defensive back; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Majors graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School in 1965 and practiced law in Tullahoma before gaining election to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1968; and

WHEREAS, a founding member of the Tennessee Lobbyist Association, Joe Majors worked tirelessly in promotion of the Association as well as the profession; and

WHEREAS, he lobbied for a wide range of clients throughout his career, including the Tennessee Hotel and Lodging Association, Tennessee Oil Marketers Association, and the Tennessee Consumer Finance Association; and

WHEREAS, throughout all his endeavors in various arenas of public and private life, Mr. Majors was known for his independence, intellectual curiosity, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, an avid reader throughout his life, Joe Majors was also a keen golfer, horse aficionado, and noted orator who counted among his many friends those from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, for the past three years, he was married to Elizabeth Scokin Majors and enjoyed the many charitable projects they supported as well as their active life together; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Majors also took pride in the accomplishments of his sons, Inman and Frank, and he is further survived by his daughters-in-law, Christy Majors and Maxine Majors; his adored grandchildren, Tessa Rane, Maxwell, Lily, and Olivia; his much-loved step-children, Alexander Scokin, Sarah Scokin, Elliott Scokin, and Blythe Scokin; his siblings, John Majors, Shirley Ann Husband, Larry Majors, and Bob Majors; his brother in law, Thomas Husband; and his sisters-in-law, Mary Lynn Majors, Lucy Majors, and Michelle Majors; and a number of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Shirley and Elizabeth Majors, and his brother, Bill Majors; and

WHEREAS, greatly respected and deeply admired by his many friends and colleagues, Joe Majors was a warm and affable man who loved Tennessee and took great pride in making his community and State a better place for all; his unmatched record in public service stands as a monument to a life well lived; and

WHEREAS, Joe Majors was often seen on the Hill in his signature sartorial splendor, which included bow ties, pink pants, plaid sports coats, and brown and white wing tip shoes; and

WHEREAS, Joe Majors leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the life and memory of our beloved colleague, Joe Inman Majors, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a public servant and human being and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Majors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.